

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1226 - SB 1290

March 11, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes elderly or terminally ill inmates eligible for parole. Requires the Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI) to publish and submit results of jail, lock-up, workhouse, and detention facility inspections to members of the Tennessee General Assembly within five days of completion of inspection results.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation states that elderly means an inmate who:
 - Is not less than 60 years of age;
 - Is not a career offender;
 - Has not escaped or attempted escape from an institution;
 - Has been determined by the Board of Parole (BOP) to be at no substantial risk of engaging in criminal conduct or of endangering any person or the public if released; and
 - Is not serving time for the offenses outlined in the proposed legislation.
- The proposed legislation states that terminally ill means an inmate who:
 - Has been determined by a medical doctor to need care at a nursing home, intermediate care facility, or assisting living facility or diagnosed with an illness that cannot be cured or adequately treated and is reasonably expected to result in the death of the inmate;
 - Is not a career offender;
 - Has not escaped or attempted escape from an institution;
 - Has been determined by the BOP to be at no substantial risk of engaging in criminal conduct or of endangering any person or the public if released; and
 - Is not serving time for the offenses outlined in the proposed legislation.
- Any fiscal impact resulting from granting parole to eligible terminally ill or elderly inmates is estimated to be not significant.
- Any fiscal impact to TCI to distribute inspections is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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